

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) In a household appliance having a body with a cabinet shape, and a work surface panel to be attached to the body in a defined position transversely with respect to an attachment direction, an attachment apparatus for attaching the work surface panel, comprising:

a rear surround integrally formed on the work surface panel and having at least one elongated hole formed therein;

at least one holding pin for attaching said rear surround to the body of the household appliance, said holding pin having a slotted-link section with a substantially rectangular cross section configured to pass through said elongated hole in said rear surround, and said holding pin having a shank formed as a continuation of said slotted-link section, said shank forming a dowel having a constant diameter larger than a width of the elongated hole and a slot therethrough, said rectangular cross section being smaller than a diameter of said dowel; and

said at least one holding pin holding said rear surround at a defined height position, and exclusively holding said rear surround to the body of the household appliance.

2. (Original) The attachment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said holding pin is formed with a head-type attachment adjoining said slotted-link section.

3. (Original) The attachment apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said holding pin is formed with an axial bore for receiving an attachment element passing therethrough.

4. (Currently Amended) The attachment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~holding pin has a shank forming a continuation of said slotted-link section, and said shank forms a slotted~~ dowel is configured to enter an opening in the body of the household appliance, and to be attached there by spreading inside the opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The attachment apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said slot extends to a head-type attachment of said holding pin adjoining said ~~slotting-link~~ slotted-link section, and a key width of said slotted-link section is smaller in size than a diameter of the adjacent said shank.

6. (Currently Amended) The attachment apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said head-type attachment has two ear-shaped lateral projections, with an internal separation at least as large as a diameter of a part of ~~the~~ an attachment element located there in an attachment position thereof, and said ~~slots extending~~ slot extends as far as said lateral projections.

7. (Currently Amended) The attachment apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 5, wherein said head-type attachment is formed with apertures at a level of the slotted-link sections, and a free width of said apertures is suitable for an insertion of a flat tool.